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DIARY NOTES FOR COLONEL WHITE

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Tuesday, 6 August 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting:

a. Bud Wheelon reported that the U-2 launch from the Kitty Hawk was a complete success.

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b. [REDACTED] reported that the long-awaited Executive Pay Bill may be coming up again. The Civil Service Commission is planning to send a bill providing pay increases for Federal judges to the Judiciary Committee on 13 August. The contents are closely held, but John understands that to this judiciary base will be added executive and congressional pay scales. General Carter asked what this does to the Director's protocol problem. John had no information on this and General Carter urged him to dig around and find out what he could. *(No bill as of 28 Aug)*

c. General Carter mentioned the directives regarding the reorganization of DD/R to DD/S&T which he had signed yesterday. He made a brief speech urging everyone to be patient, keep the services going, and keep the lower ranks from worrying about further changes. H

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2. Regarding Mrs. McCone's German toys, [REDACTED] told me that the whole problem had been a question of having a way bill. The cartons were still in the hands of the carrier. We got the way bill from Germany on Friday and sent it immediately by air mail to Seattle. There is no problem regarding the name of the addressee as far as the carrier is concerned, and Vic foresees no further snags in getting the toys through customs.

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3. I got together with [REDACTED] (is on vacation) regarding the Director's return from vacation which seems to depend on Secretary Rusk's plans. As a result I warned [REDACTED] that Mr. McCone may possibly return on Sunday afternoon, 11 August. Doug said they were on or ahead of schedule in all phases of the air-conditioning work. Later in the day Jim Garrison confirmed this report. The furniture, rugs, etc. will be back in place sometime on 11 August. (On 7 August it was reported that Secretary Rusk is expected to arrive in Washington at 1600 hours on 11 August.)

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4. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] is free to depart in January and will be replaced by [REDACTED] (about his interest in Ernie and he said that Ray Cline was not overly enthusiastic and may rule against his assignment as Deputy Assistant Director for Operations. Joe said he hoped to get an answer by the end of the week.) 25X1A9a

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25X1A9a 5. Regarding [REDACTED] retirement, Vernon reported that the Civil Service Commission has now ruled that his "doubtful" service years are creditable which would move his retirement date back from May to January 1964. However, we can't be really sure of this rule until [REDACTED] case is processed. Accordingly, Vernon is writing [REDACTED] that he can plan to return in late January or early February when [REDACTED] has replaced him.

25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] came in to discuss what they called two very small problems they are having with the Logistics Services Division involving the rearrangement of the offices of OSI. All they said was involved was cutting a door through a masonry wall and removing a ceiling exhaust outfit. I listened sympathetically and said that I would look into the problem. When I talked with [REDACTED] late in the afternoon, they pointed out that the items [REDACTED] discussed with me were only two of a number of changes the DD/I is trying to make. [REDACTED] has requested the cutting of a total of fifteen doors, nine in metal partitions and six in masonry walls. (I will look into this further.)

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25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] called in from Spartanburg where he is leading a healthy outdoor life. I asked him who could be his alter ego with regard to Operation [REDACTED] since we had heard through [REDACTED] that there might be some activity in the next ten days. [REDACTED] could do this as well as anyone if anything comes up. I passed the word on to Brad.

25X1A6a 8. Mr. Abersfeller, Administrator, Region 3, General Services Administration, called to give me what he called an interim report. He said that he was still waiting to hear from the [REDACTED] people, but it was doubtful whether he would get any definitive word from them until next week. He mentioned various legal problems regarding the financing of the building and the necessary agreement by the lenders that the proportionate amount of space we want can be leased to the Government. He also mentioned that he might have some other buildings which he considers equally attractive to suggest. I passed this information on to Jim Garrison.

8. Joe Becker called to discuss generally the changes in his status resulting from the reorganization of DD/R to DD/S&T. He told me that Bud Wheelon had had a meeting at 2:45 in the auditorium at which General Carter was present with several hundred DD/S&T people. He indicated that General Carter repeated his exhortations for peace and harmony which he had made at the Executive Committee this morning. Joe said that the status of the Comptroller's RCA 501 computer is still unclear since Wheelon did not include the 501 with NPIC and WALNUT when he stated which computer elements would be outside the Office of Computer Services.

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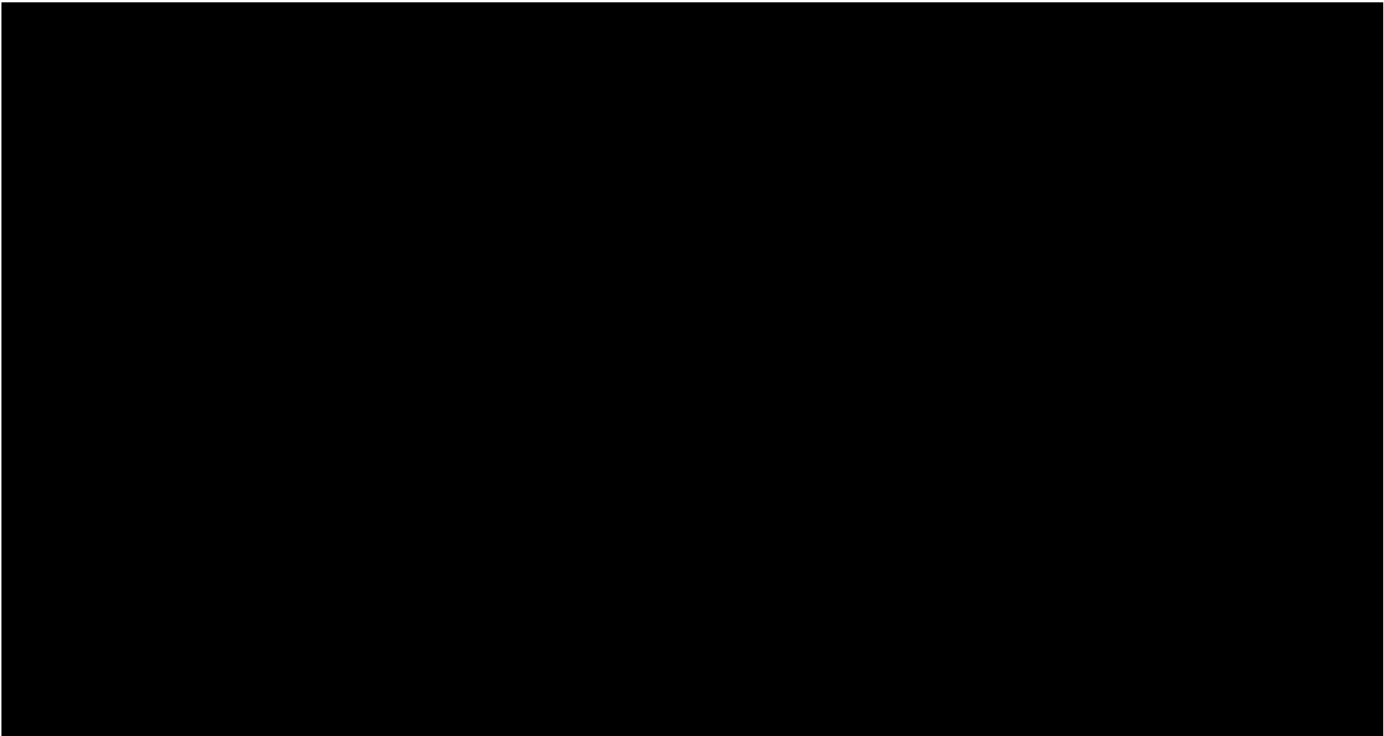
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9. Three letters came in, addressed to you, concerning the case of the Arnold Bus Lines vs. the Department of the Interior over use of the Parkway. One, from President DeStefano, summarized the service being rendered to the CIA Building and stated that: (1) service would be curtailed, or (2) rates would go up if the bus company should lose the case. Another forwarded a copy of the bus company's answer and counter claims in the court action, and requested that the Agency be prepared to testify if the case came to a hearing. The third forwarded a copy of a Bill introduced by Congressman Broyhill (HR 7650) which would give the bus company use of the Parkway. (Sent to OL/ [REDACTED] for action.) 25X1A9a

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